(c) Steps have been taken for induction of additional manpower, machinery, and equipment in order to ensure timely completion. Regular liaison is also being maintained with the State Governments to obtain forest/environment clearances.

Budgetary allocations for modernization of Indian Navy

3905. SHRI VIJYA J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were budgetary allocations relating to modernization plans of Indian Navy during 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) did the envisaged modernization plan fructify and the funds fully utilized; and

(c) does the Navy have technologically developed and fully equipped combat and rescue vessels in the fast changing global scenario to adequately take care of our vast coasts during war-like contingencies; and also supplementing vigilance for our off-shore installations, etc. both in peace and hostile conditions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The details of allocation and utilisation of modernisation budget of Indian Navy during 2004-05 and 2005-06 were as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget Estimates (BE)	Revised Estimates (RE)	Actual Expenditure
2004-2005	7630.44	7852.76	8086.68
2005-2006	8924.23	8241.79	7578.98

The funds made available were fully utilised in 2004-05. About 92% utilisation was achieved against the Revised Estimate of the Budget during 2005-06. The Indian Navy has an aircraft carrier and a mix of destroyers, frigates, corvettes, offshore patrol vessels, other minor vessels, aircraft and submarines to deal with various contingencies.

Acquisition of aircrafts for VIPs

3906. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 3 VIP Boeing business aircraft have been ordered at a cost of Rs. 936.93 crore;

(b) whether the newly ordered VIP aicraft will not be used for international travel, ncessitating continued use of Air India aircraft; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor keeping in view the cost-benefit factor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The Government has signed a contract with M/s Boeing for purchase of three Boeing Business Jets (BBJ) along with Self Protection Suite (SPS) at a cost of Rs. 961 crore.